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from them, but no organized plan of action had been prepared, and the Americans had been left with the impression that the Italian Government did not really know what type of action to take. Unless a guarantee of firm and organized purpose could be given, it was likely that the Americans would give their assistance only in dribblets and never let them know what they might ultimately expect. This would be fatal.

6. Epicarmo Corbino, Deputy of the Italian Liberal Party, and a noted economist, confirmed to the same friend the difference of opinion between Pella and Togni. The former did not approve of Togni's plan to make a "census" of existing stocks, but he supported it because he wished to pave the way for the law on special economic powers, which he hoped would allow him to maintain the principles which he had so far followed, but without the same rigid application as before. Certainly, Corbino continued, he and his Party had been opposed to Pella in the past, largely because he had hoarded, instead of allowing investments in goods, properties and services, but his line was now infinitely preferable to that of Togni and all supporters of dictatorial controls, who had in any case no machinery for enforcing them.

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